

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 21-28 with the following amended paragraph:

In general, the workpiece is installed to the workpiece holding jig via a rubber-like elastic sheet, and acts so that a uniform contact is maintained with respect to the lapping plate. However, the lapping load applied to the workpiece may become not uniform and not constant because of such as rattle in the reciprocating mechanism, elastic deformation of the support mechanism, or warp and torsion of the workpiece itself.